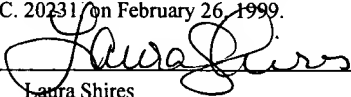


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In the application of:

L.M. Smith *et al.*

Serial No.: 08/484,340

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For: TAGGED EXTENDIBLE PRIMERS
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AMENDED)



Examiner: D. Shoemaker

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February 26, 1999

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 26, 1998, for which a response was due on November 26, 1998. Filed herewith is a petition for a three-month extension of time, extending the time for response to February 26, 1999. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicants have given careful consideration to the issues raised in the outstanding Office Action, and present the following Amendments and Remarks in response. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.